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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Western Coalfield Limited to explore new areas with a view to enhance the production and profitability and maintain the regular and uninterrupted supply of coal for various purposes;

(b) whether at a recently held meeting of the WCL with the representatives of railways and other consumer associations the need for reducing time gap in receipt of delivery order at concerned colliery, submission of bills for road consumers on time, validity of lifting coal in the last month of the quarters etc. was stressed; and;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the WCL in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a):Exploration of new areas is a continuous process carried out mainly by Geological Survey of India (GSI), Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL) a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd. and Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.(MECL) .

Mine-wise production projections of Coal India Limited. have been finalised in consultation with CMPDIL upto 2036- 2037. Only those projects, which yield an IRR of 12% or more and are economically viable from the inception stage itself, are implemented.

(b) A Regional Coal Consumer Council meeting was held between WCL, Railways, Consumers Association/Consumers on 9th September, 2003 at WCL headquarters, Nagpur. During the meeting consumers have stressed for the following:

(i) Reducing the gap in receipt of delivery orders at the concerned colliery.

(ii) Submission of bills for road consumers on time .

(iii) Validity of lifting coal in the last month of the quarter.

(c): To reduce the gap between issuance of delivery orders and receipt at colliery end, WCL has adopted a system of sending delivery orders to collieries by courier system.

Coal bills for road despatches are being prepared on monthly basis. The bills are available with the Area Sales Office and consumers may collect the bills from the Area Sales Office.

WCL is giving a grace period of one month for lifting coal against delivery orders issued in the last month of each quarter.